

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	118.0
Hours flown	69.8
Monthly offset	-48.2
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	228.6
Hours flown	383.8
Monthly offset	155.2
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	400.0
Hours flown	423.5
Monthly offset	23.5
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	376.0
Sorties flown	363.0
Monthly offset	-13.0
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	332.0
Sorties flown	234.0
Monthly offset	-98.0
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Jan. 31	

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy SE winds @ 10-15 knots High: 64 Low: 55

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy with rain showers SW winds @ 12-15 knots High: 68 Low: 63

SUNDAY: Mostly Cloudy NE winds @ 12 knots High: 70 Low: 61

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=\$101 SELLING: ¥106=\$1

AFN fixes satellite signal

'Direct-to-home' subscribers to get one-month's rental free

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

American Forces Network officials in Okinawa said Wednesday that the majority of issues with its direct-to-home satellite broadcast system have been resolved.

"The problem with the satellite is fixed," said Army Sergeant First Class Chris Arbaugh a broadcast engineer from the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service broadcast center in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Sergeant Arbaugh is one of three AFRTS technicians that flew to the Pacific to help resolve issues that began Jan. 14 when an electrical failure

aboard a satellite used for AFN radio and television signals caused a catastrophic loss of international communications.

Technicians were also flown to Yokota Air Base, Japan and to Korea to work on similar direct-to-home satellite signals in those regions.

According to Tech. Sgt. Scott Williams, operations manager with AFN Okinawa, regular AFN channels were restored on Okinawa Jan. 26 when a new path of satellites and relays were set up to bring regular AFN radio and television signals back to the Pacific.

AFN stations in the Pacific theater had been using a

backup satellite known as DTS -- Direct to Sailor -- to remain on air during the signal loss. The DTS system is designed for Navy ships at sea.

During the signal loss, subscribers to the "direct-to-home" satellite broadcast system available through local AAFES outlets were unable to receive broadcasts and for the last two weeks have been working with private contractors and AFN officials to setup their home-based systems to capture the new broadcast signal.

"Everyone had to swing their dishes or physically relocate their dishes to capture the new signal," said Sergeant Arbaugh. While he said he has

received more than 600 telephone calls to a "help desk" setup at AFN, as of Tuesday those calls had dwindled down to about two a day. "We think the problem is pretty well taken care of," said Sergeant Williams.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service customers in Okinawa who rent a direct-to-home decoder will receive a free month's rental applied to their next bill, according to an AAFES news release.

"The customer will see a credit on their next bill," Master Sgt. Donovan Potter, an AAFES spokesman said Tuesday. Sergeant Potter said that AAFES understands the possible frustration more than 500 of its customers in Okinawa experienced by not receiving the signal.

"The signal was out for 13 days, but we are crediting customer's accounts \$25, the price of a full-month's rent, because we understand most people aren't going to get their signal restored immediately," said Col. Michelle Gardner-Ince, AAFES Pacific commander.

For subscribers who have still not been able to restore their satellite signal, Sergeant Williams said that instructions on how to set it up are available at AFN's Website: my.afn.net. Telephone numbers for private contractors who also can set up the system for a fee is available at AAFES PowerZones.

Gate 4 opens as Gate 1 closes for renovation



Senior Airman Natasha Blue, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron operations manager assigned as an 18th Security Forces augmentee, checks credentials at the recently opened Gate 4 Tuesday following the closure of Gate 1 for renovation work. Gate 1 will be closed to all traffic for approximately six months, but Gate 4 and Gate 5 will remain open throughout the construction project. Kadena members are encouraged to exercise patience during the first few days as traffic patterns adjust and to plan ahead for longer travel times. Visitor passes will be issued outside Gate 2 and at the Pass and ID booths located at the Kadena Marina.

Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Tax center volunteers ready to help

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Military members stationed overseas receive an automatic 60-day extension to file their returns, but the April 15 deadline still applies to those who owe taxes, and, if the payment is late, members can end up owing a lot more than planned.

Thanks to the Kadena Tax Center and its volunteers who have geared up for the tax season, taxpayers can rest easier knowing that their taxes will be filed correctly through the free tax-preparation.

The tax center's services are available to military members and family, civilian employees and their families, and SOFA status contractors.

Through April 15, the center is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments only. Customers don't need an appointment for walk-in hours Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Airmen losing too many military identification cards

By James Pettus
18th Security
Forces Squadron

Recently, an alarming increase of lost or stolen military identification cards have been reported. Your ID is your passport to various military activities and services, not to mention your key to the installation.

Because so you need to make a conscious effort to secure it? A stolen ID, coupled with other items in your purse or wallet, can provide a thief

with enough information to take over your life. The thief can open new lines of credit, open up bank accounts, or even buy a car in your name. The list is endless, costing money, time and significant amounts of worry. Is an unsecured ID worth the aggravation it may cause you?

Stolen ID cards can be altered and provide a criminal or a possible terrorist access to your or any installation. In 1985, members from the Red Army faction used the stolen ID card from US Army Spe-

cialist Edward Pimental to gain access to Rhein Main AB, Germany and detonate an explosive laden vehicle that killed two and wounded twenty.

Due to the number of lost and stolen ID cards, new procedures will be implemented at Kadena.

- First the member will conduct a thorough search for the ID. If the member cannot find their ID, they should immediately notify their first sergeant. If on a weekend, holiday or after normal duty

hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the member will then immediately go to the Law Enforcement desk to accomplish an AF Form 1168 and receive a Wing Form 40 from the Law Enforcement desk to present to SF in lieu of the ID.

- Next stop, the member will report to their unit and receive a lost or stolen ID form to be completed and signed by their first sergeant and commander.

- After accomplishing the appropriate steps on the form, the member then reports to

Military Personnel Flight, customer service for ID re-issuance with a copy of the AF Form 1168. The following times are for ID card issuance 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The bottom line is to secure your identification and if you do lose it or have it stolen report it immediately! Take precautions against having your identity stolen because it could help save the lives of your fellow Airmen.

OIF cause understood by many Iraqis

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
332 Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — I vividly remember the day when President Bush first declared that American troops were going into Iraq. I remember the incessant news coverage of some Iraqis' negative comments about the war and about Americans. But my recent arrival in Iraq has shown me the side of Iraqis that the media ignored then.

On that first day, the war was the lead headline in every paper, the lead story on every news channel. MTV even aired specials on what was going on.

I remember footage of those first blasts and our troops going in. I remember the president coming before the American people several more times. But most of all I remember the news media's footage of Iraqi citizens. In interview after interview you heard Iraqi men and young boys degrading Americans. The news stations showed footage of Iraqi men protesting our help and attacking our people.

Now, I'm not saying that this type of belief isn't felt by some Iraqi citizens. I am fully aware it is the belief of some that Americans are bad people and have no business in Iraq. If this were not the case then the Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq instead would be at home with their families right now.

But I can't help but believe that

"I can't help but believe that [servicemembers] fought for a good cause and that their efforts are appreciated by many Iraqi citizens. And that it is our "good cause" to share freedom with people who could not achieve that goal on their own."

they fought for a good cause and that their efforts are appreciated by many Iraqi citizens. As Americans we understand the importance of freedom. And that it is our "good cause" to share freedom with people who could not achieve that goal on their own.

In the few days that I have spent here in Iraq I already have experienced the respect and kindness of Iraqi men. Two incidents in particular come to mind when I think of this kindness.

This first incident happened when another Airman and I were driving through a muddy field and got our vehicle stuck. As at least eight different people walked or drove by and ignored our predicament, two young Iraqi men stopped what they were doing and came over to help the best they could. Both were wearing dress shoes. They went to the extent of taking them off, rolling up their pant legs and pushing the car with my troop as I put the pedal to the metal. The four of us spent at least 30 minutes in the cold and mud trying to get it out, until we finally gave up and walked to our office to get the car towed. These two gentlemen may not have been able to fix our problem but

they did everything they could to help when we were in need.

The second act of kindness was a little simpler, but meant just as much to me. It happened when I was making a purchase at a small BX trailer on base. As the young Iraqi gentleman behind the counter rang up my purchase I couldn't help but appreciate how kind and courteous he was. He carried a friendly smile the entire time and after handing me my bag extended his hand and said thank you. He actually shook my hand. I realize to some this may not sound like much, but in my 23 years of existence I have never had anyone working at a store shake my hand and say thank you.

It is incidents like these that make me proud to be a member of the United States Air Force and proud to be part of such an important mission as Operation Iraqi Freedom. I ask those who question our mission because of the negative things they may have seen and heard to remember these little incidents. There are those men and women in this far-off country who want to be free, deserve to be free, and with our help can be free!



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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Capt. Gregory Gilleland

82nd Rescue Squadron, flight commander, ELINT, weapons and tactics flight

Reason for nomination: During the wind gusts in December, Captain Gilleland and his son Taylor, an eighth grader at Kadena Elementary School, were first on the scene of a circus tent and scaffolding collapse at the Schilling Community Center. Greg and Taylor pulled scaffolding off of people trapped underneath.

Time at Kadena: 5 months

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- Alcohol acts like an anesthetic, dulling areas of the brain that enable people to make sensible decisions like not getting behind the wheel of a car after drinking. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at **634-7520**.

OPERATION KUDOS: The Kids Understanding Deployment Operations kicks off Mar. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children ages 5 to 18 are invited to learn how their parents gear up for military deployments through hands-on experience. Sign up at the Kadena Base Exchange today and Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or the Family Support Center from 7:30 to 4:30 starting today. For more information, call **634-7567**.

KADENA TAX CENTER: The Tax Center, Bldg. 1460, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins, and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call **634-7784** or **634-9889** to make an appointment.

CHARITYART AUCTION: The Army Women's Group will hold a charity art auction for all SOFA status personnel from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Kadena Officers Club. The artwork is traditional and contemporary Japanese prints created by renowned Japanese artists. Call Joni Williams at **633-9075** for more details.

LORE BRIEFINGS: Briefings for the upcoming Local Operational Readiness Exercise will be held at the Keystone Theater Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

KEY SPOUSE PROGRAM: Join the Family Support Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to learn how to be a Key Spouse in your unit. Call the Family Support Center at **634-3366** for more information.

CELEBRITY AUCTION: The Kadena High School will hold an auction of celebrity items at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in the high school cafeteria, and a rug sale in the Kadena Middle School cafeteria Feb. 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will fund graduation night activities for 2005 graduates.

KIDS ON THE MOVE WORKSHOP: The Family Support Center will hold an interactive workshop in the Hershey Temporary Lodging Facility, Bldg. 437, from 3 to 4 p.m. Feb. 14. The workshop provides children ages 6 to 10 an opportunity to share their feelings about moving. For more information, or to register, call **634-3366**.

WELCOME WALK: The Family Support Center will host a free walking tour of Kadena's gate 2 street Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Learn about local customs and cuisines,

shopping areas, parking and pedestrian guidelines, and more. Call the Family Support Center at **634-3366** to register.

FAR EAST BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Kadena High School will host the Far East Boys' Basketball Tournament Feb. 21 to 26. Semi-finals and finals will be played in the Kadena High School gym Feb. 26. All games are free and open to the public. Call **634-1612** for further details.

SMOOTH MOVE WORKSHOP: The Family Support Center will hold a smooth move workshop Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop provides helpful information to those moving from Okinawa. Topics include housing, military pay, billeting, legal, healthcare, real estate, and information on referral services. Call the Family Support Center at **634-3366** for more information or to register.

MARATHON TRAFFIC: Approximately 10,000 runners will affect Kadena traffic during the Okinawa Marathon Feb. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Runners will enter the base through Gate 2 onto Kuter Blvd. to the Falcon Gym, followed by a left at Schreiber Ave. and past Kadena High School, to exit the base through Gate 5. The portion of the base affected by the runners will be closed to vehicle traffic during this time.

African American Heritage Month

GOSPEL MUSICAL: Attend "A Musical Gospel Extravaganza" Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1, featuring choirs and Gospel artists from various chapels and churches on Okinawa.

MUSIC IN MY SOUL DINNER: The "Music In My Soul" dinner show and dance will be held at the Kadena Officers Club Feb. 19-21. Tickets cost \$25. Call **633-3139** for more information.

SECOND ANNUAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL: The Schilling Community Center and Jack's Place will present the following feature films and documentaries to enlighten and entertain. All presentations are free and start at 7 p.m.

Schilling Community Center
Feb. 8 -- *FBI's War on Black America;*
America -- Beyond the Color Line
Feb. 22 -- *A Soldier's Story;*
Invisible Soldiers

Jack's Place - Samurai Lounge
Feb. 10 -- *Cabin in the Sky*
Feb. 17 -- *Murder of Emmett Till;*
Gospel Highlights
Feb. 24 -- *Devil in a Blue Dress*

Events sponsored by the African American Cultural Association and Heritage Committee.

NEWS BRIEFS

STERIOD BAN: The Army and Air Force Exchange Services has instructed all facilities to remove products containing androstenedione from shelves, as per a bill signed by the president. Androstenedione--a anabolic steroid--is illegal to use and may no longer be legally purchased.

MARATHON VOLUNTEERS: Kadena will host more than 10,000 runners in the 2005 Okinawa Marathon Feb. 27. The 18th Wing Public Affairs office needs volunteers to distribute water and cheer on the runners from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If interested, attend a 3 p.m. meeting Feb. 4 in the 18th Medical Group Shima Room, Bldg. 626., or call 634-1595 for more information.

PROMOTION RELEASES: Effective beginning with the calendar year 2004A major's board, promotion releases will occur no earlier than 10 months prior to scheduled pin-on date. As a result of this policy change, the projected releases for the CY04A board are: mid to late January (Judge Advocate General/Medical service Corps), no earlier than April 2005 (Line Air Force) and no earlier than June 2005 (Nurse Corps). Currently, no other boards are affected by this policy change.

SPOUSES CLUB: The Kadena Officers Spouses' Club Scholarship applications are now available at the guidance offices at Kadena and Kubasaki high schools, the KOSC Gift Corner, the Education Office and the Kadena Library. Deadline for applications is March 31 and entries must be submitted by mail. Contact Stephanie Rosenfeld at 633-6705 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Naval Officers' Spouses Club of Okinawa is offering scholarships for eligible U.S. Navy family members. Applications are located at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop, base libraries, and high school counseling offices. Completed applications are due by April 1. For more information visit www.nosokinawa.com

NO PENNIES: Army and Air Force Exchange Services discontinued using pennies overseas in 1980 after Department of Defense officials determined pennies are too costly to ship. The "round-up, round-down" policy applies only to cash purchases. If the last digit of the total purchase ends in three, four, six, or seven, the purchase will be rounded to the nearest nickel. If it ends in one, two, eight or nine, the total purchase will be rounded to the nearest dime. This is a proven policy that breaks even for customers and AAFES over time.

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A senior airman from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman 1st class, a \$500 suspended fine, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for violating a no contact order.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a \$200 fine and 15 days extra duty for dereliction of duty. The airman was not maintaining cleanliness of his dorm room, was smoking in his dorm room and failed to obey a lawful order.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received a demotion to airman and restriction to base for 60 days for being drunk and disorderly.

A staff sergeant from the 18th Communications Squadron received a demotion to senior airman, a \$900 suspended fine, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for misuse of a government travel card.

A senior airman from the 18th Communications Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, a \$500 fine, restriction to base for 15 days, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for being unable to perform his duties due to intoxication.

A senior airman from the 18th Communications Squadron received a demotion to airman 1st class, a \$792 fine, restriction to base for 17 days and a reprimand for being drunk and disorderly.

A senior airman from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand for dereliction of duty for failing to follow a technical order.

A senior airman from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman and a reprimand for making a false official statement and attempting to commit adultery with the wife of another squadron member.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman, a suspended demotion to airman basic, restriction to base for 45 days and 45 days extra duty for underage drinking.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman and a \$668 fine for assault as a second offense.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$300 fine, restriction to base for 14 days, 14

days extra duty and a reprimand for reckless driving (drifting).

Another airman 1st class from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$300 fine, restriction to base for 14 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for reckless driving (drifting).

An airman from the 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a \$1,192 suspended fine, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days

Don't drink and drive

A staff sergeant from the 33rd Rescue Squadron received a demotion to senior airman, a \$700 suspended fine and a reprimand for driving under the influence.

extra duty and a reprimand for disrespecting a noncommissioned officer, underage drinking, assault, and being drunk and disorderly.

An airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a demotion to airman basic for failure to go as a second offense.

A senior airman from the 18th Medical Operations Squadron received a demotion to airman 1st class, a \$500 fine, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty for government travel card misuse and assault.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Mission Support Squadron received a demotion to airman and a reprimand for failure to go to physical training.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Munitions Squadron received a \$328 fine, restriction to base for 14 days and 14 days extra duty for reckless driving (drifting).

An airman from the 18th Munitions Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman basic and 21 days extra duty for being disorderly.

An airman from the 18th Munitions Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a suspended fine of \$278, and 14 days extra duty for assault and being disorderly.

A technical sergeant from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to staff sergeant and a reprimand for assault and indecent exposure. Upon appeal the demotion was suspended.

A staff sergeant from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to senior airman, a \$1,000 suspended fine and a reprimand for assault and battery. Upon appeal the demotion was suspended.

An airman first class from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to airman, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty for assault.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended demotion to Airman, a \$300 fine, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for sleeping on post.

An airman 1st class from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a \$250 suspended fine, restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for failure to obey a lawful Conditions on Liberty Order and driving under the influence.

An airman from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman basic, a \$200 fine, restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking and failure to go.

An airman from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a \$200 fine, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for drinking while under the influence and adultery.

An airman basic from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a \$500 fine, restriction to base for 30 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for failure to obey two lawful orders and for making a false official statement.

A senior airman from the 18th Services Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty for failure to go and provoking speech.

A senior airman from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for government travel card misuse.

Submitted by 18th Wing Legal office

AAFES announces fuel prices for February

CAMP FOSTER - The Army and Air Force Exchange Service changed fuel prices Tuesday.

Mid-grade unleaded fuel prices decreased from \$1.99 to \$1.96 and Diesel prices increased from \$1.90 to \$2.

These changes are based on the U.S. Department of Energy averages from the previous five-week period. DOE averages are posted each Monday, according to an AAFES news release. Months that have four Mondays in them only use the

previous four-week averages. January, May, August and October of this year will be figured using the five-week average scale.

This month's prices were determined using DOE averages prices from weeks beginning Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17 and 24. These prices were added together, divided by five and then each country's incremental dispensing costs were added. The incremental dispensing costs for Okinawa is \$0.05828.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Staff Sgt. Adam Morrison, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle body repairman, fills up his tank for less at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas station Tuesday.

Kadena Airman returns home to Thailand

By 2nd Lt. Ben Sakrisson
U.S. Forces Japan
Public Affairs

KORAT, Thailand — Military exercises like Cope Tiger 2005 — involving the United States, Thailand and Singapore — serve to highlight close relationships between countries, but for some servicemembers involved, the link hits even closer to home.

Tech. Sgt. Siamrad Maher, a public health technician and translator, is such a person.

Born in Korat in 1969, Sergeant Maher's adoptive father was a U.S. Air Force supply superintendent serving at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base during the 1970s. While tending water buffalos here as a child and playing soldier at the air base, young Sergeant Maher said he never dreamed that he would one day return as an Airman.

Returning to Korat on a mission of medical good will

as a member of the 18th Medical Group, Sergeant Maher said, "I think it was part of my destiny to come here and help people; the night before I came, I could not sleep because I was so excited."

The mission to deliver ocular and dental aid to Thais during Cope Tiger 2005 struck Sergeant Maher on a personal level. "I was one of the people who did not have anything; I could have been one of these kids lining up for the medical care that we are giving here," he said. "My grandmother was like some of the villagers that we will see — they have never seen medical care in their whole lives. I know to them this is a big event."

Sergeant Maher and his younger sister were adopted in 1976 and brought to live in the United States by a man whom he describes as a Texas cowboy living in Thailand. After nearly a quarter-centu-

ry absence, Sergeant Maher returned to Thailand in 2000 to visit his ill grandmother.

"When I came back, I couldn't speak Thai, and I certainly couldn't read and write (Thai)," he said. "I was frustrated that I could not speak with my family members."

Intense self-study, motivated by a desire to speak to his family, resulted in a level of fluency enough to qualify for language proficiency pay.

"I always feel grateful to my dad and mom for adopting me and bringing me to the states," Sergeant Maher said.

Though he was never pressured to join the Air Force, he said his parents jumped for joy when he enlisted. Now, close to his family in Korat, Sergeant Maher said that they are really proud of him serving in the U.S. military.

"My family is happy. To them, I am really successful," he said. The mixed heritage of being both Thai and Ameri-



Air Force/2nd Lt. Ben Sakrisson

KORAT, Thailand — Tech. Sgt. Siamrad Maher poses with schoolchildren as a part of a humanitarian outreach program during the Cope Tiger 2005 exercise Jan. 27. Military medical teams from the Air Force, Navy, Thailand and Singapore provided dental care to Thai citizens.

can suits Sergeant Maher well, he said.

"I love Thailand, but I want to travel around, and the Air Force lets me do that," he said. "The Thais scrutinize

me as an American, (and), on the other hand, the Americans look at me as a Thai and assume that what I do is what Thais do. Hopefully, I will represent both sides well."

TAX: E-filers may see returns as early as 10 to 14 days

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Commanders, colonels, and chief master sergeants can make an appointment for Saturdays.

The tax center also offers a drop off system on Saturdays, which allows customers to drop off their tax information with all forms needed for filing attached.

Drop-off customers should leave a phone number so tax advisors can reach them for any questions, and should come back to the center within the next week to review and sign their return before it's filed electronically.

"There's no excuse now to not have your taxes filed by deadline," said Leslie Best, Kadena's chief tax advisor. And who wouldn't want their tax return as soon as possible? Best said e-filers can expect to see refund deposits in their account within 10 to 14 days if done through direct deposit, or three to four weeks for a check to

arrive in the mail. If a return is mailed to the Internal Revenue Service, filers can expect to get a check within six to eight weeks.

Whether walking in or having a scheduled appointment, customers should bring all pertinent information needed to file their return. Forms include W-2s, any 1099 statements, social security numbers for all family members, checkbook to verify routing and account numbers for direct deposits, and if applicable, two copies of a notarized Power of Attorney stating tax preparation is authorized.

Customers with foreign spouses who work in the local economy should provide the total foreign earned income during the tax-preparation, and all customers with foreign spouses should have their spouse's tax identification number. In the case of a foreign spouse not having a tax identification number, customers can apply for the identification number by picking up a W-7 (Dec. 03 version)

application form at the tax center, or by visiting www.irs.gov. The form must be submitted to the IRS office with form W-7, your tax return, and other required documentation mailed to Internal Revenue Service, Philadelphia Service Center, ITIN Unit, P.O. Box 447, in Bensalem, Pa., 19020.

For those who purchased or sold stock during 2004, the tax center needs to know when and how much stock was purchased or sold prior to filing at the tax center. Added tax breaks of late include an increase in the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1000 per child under the age of 17 and an increase in the "married filing joint" standard deduction from \$9500 to \$9700. The center is located on Wilkins Street in Building 1460 behind Eagle Hardware and next to Civil Engineer Readiness. To make an appointment or find out more information, call the center at 634-7784, or e-mail tax.center@kadena.af.mil. Responses to e-mail requests will be returned within three duty days.

KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. David Richardson**, 18th Security Forces Squadron, for being selected to Officer Training School.

Congratulations to **James B. Pettus**, 18th Security Forces Squadron, for being selected as the Air Force 2004 Outstanding Security Forces Unit Level Civilian Employee.

Congratulations to the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron for winning the Pacific Air Force's 2004 Daedalian Major Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Readiness Award.

Congratulations to the 18th Wing Combat Decompression Program for being selected as an Air Force Best Practice.

Congratulations to the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron for both winning Pacific Air Force's 2004 Maintenance Effectiveness Award.



Air Force photos by Senior Airman Michael Pallazola

Troops back on solid ground

HELICOPTER: The 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron offloads an HH-60 Pavehawk helicopter from a C-5 Galaxy arriving Friday morning from Sri Lanka. Two HH-60 Pavehawk helicopters from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, 14 pallets of equipment, and 70 personnel returned from Sri Lanka where they took part in the disaster relief effort Operation Unified Assistance.

INSET: More than 70 Airmen from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 33rd Rescue Squadron, and the 18th Communications Squadron were welcomed home by wing leadership early Friday morning.

Making it to the top

Kadena inducts 21 to top enlisted rank

By Senior Airman
Mercedes McAlister
18th Communications
Squadron

Some 21 future E-9s -- 17 Airmen, three Marines and one member of the Japan Air Self Defense Force -- were inducted into their service's highest enlisted rank in a ceremony Saturday at Kadena's Rocker NCO Club.

"This is the most significant event of the year on Okinawa," said Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Farrell of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron.

"It even tops the Annual Awards ceremony because it has all military branches and our host nation's service being represented," said Chief Farrell.

The annual event marks the transition of E-8s into

their service's top enlisted rank and an elite group of Congressionally mandated 1 percent of the enlisted force.

More than 500 packed the NCO club for the event with some attending from as far away as Fort Worth, Texas.

Percy and Bobbie Jones of Fort Worth flew to Okinawa to see their son Senior Master Sgt. Steven W. Jones of the 718th Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron inducted at Kadena.

"This was the best feeling I've ever had and it was one of the proudest moments of my life," said Sergeant Jones about his parents' attendance at the event.

"Coming from a stateside base the ceremony was the best I've ever seen and made me proud to still be in the military," said Sergeant Jones.

"It re-blued me," he said.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Cambell

A total of 21 future E-9s -- 17 Airmen, three Marines and one member of the Japan Air Self Defense Forces -- were inducted into their service's highest enlisted rank Saturday at an induction ceremony at the Rocker NCO Club.



Air Force/SSgt. Chyrece Cambell

ABOVE: A cake marking this ceremony is displayed during Saturday's pagentry.

RIGHT: An ice-carving of the stripes of a chief master sergeant were on display at the ceremony that marked 17 Airmen's step into the Air Force's highest enlisted rank.

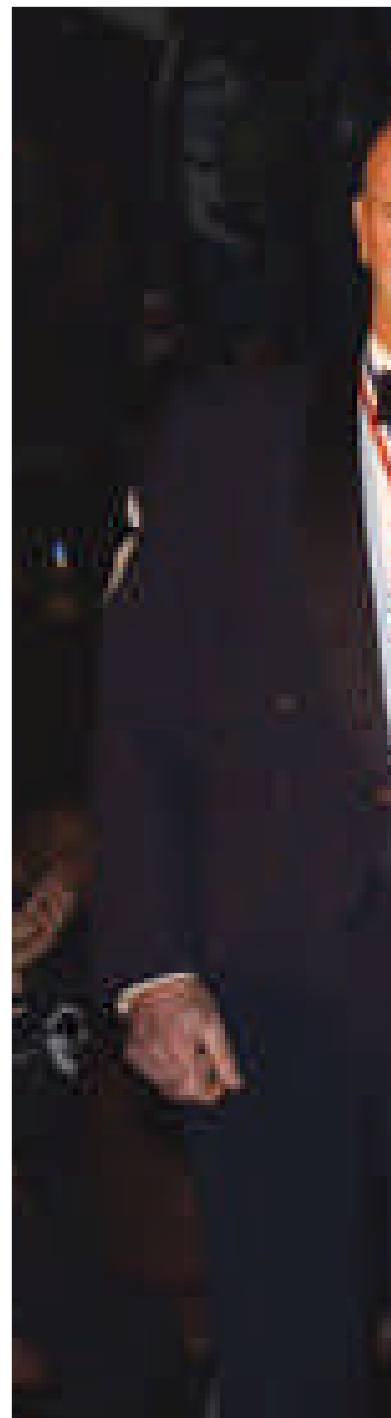


Air Force/SSgt. Chyrece Cambell



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Chief Master Sgt. Clarence H. Moore, Jr. of 5th Air Force and Senior Master Sgt. Joan Johnson, a chief inductee, cut the cake as the oldest and newest "chiefs" at the ceremony.



Senior Master Sgt. Steven W. Jones, Percy and Bobbie Jones of Fort Worth



ABOVE: Army Command Sgt. Maj. Master Chief Petty Officer Kevin Schmidt and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Schmidt, both in uniform, standing together during the formal ceremony.

RIGHT: Japan Air Self Defense Force included a Japanese military E-9 inductee during the ceremony.



of 17 Airman inducted into the Air Force's highest enlisted rank Saturday at Kadena's Rocker NCO Club walks through raised sabres with his wife Leann and his parth, Texas. Sergeant Jones' parents flew here for their son's induction.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Cambell y Jackson, (left), Navy Command Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Samuel Hans Defner represent their serd by more than 500 people.

h. Sgt. Tokuhiko Murakami lights e induction ceremony that also .



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Cambell

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ Sports clubs are big business, and competition is now making the quest for new customers a cut throat endeavor. Clubs are drawing attention to a unique Okinawan style aerobics, which mixes Eisa dance with traditional aerobics.

□ Complaints over accepting waste from the U.S. military at a proposed new industrial waste disposal site are rising, since the amount of waste to be accepted from the military is expected to be one-fourth of the annual capacity of the new site. According to statistics, waste discharged from U.S. bases is between 35,000 to 40,000 tons per year, which is twice the waste disposed by local residents in an average year.

□ The three Municipalities Liaison Council delivered a petition to the 18th Wing protesting the flight resumption of one of the Alaska F-15s involved in the mid-air collision last October. In the protest letter, the council criticized the resumption of flying without prior notification to the communities, and requested the Air Force suspend the operation of all non-18th Wing aircraft on Kadena.

□ The Okinawa Prefectural Government released that the population of Okinawa is increasing and has exceeded 1.36 million for the first time, as of Jan. 1. In addition to the natural increase, migration of people from mainland Japan to Okinawa is said to be the main factor.

□ The Okinawa Prefectural Government submitted a proposal with regard to the basic policy of protecting civilians during an armed attack on the central government. OPG asked for the central government to organize ideas, such as having the U.S. military consolidate their point of contact during evacuation of local residents in emergencies.

□ The Naha Defense Facilities Administration Bureau decided to compensate two Ginowan residents for medical fees incurred due to psychological damage caused by the U.S. military helicopter crash at Okinawa International University last year.

Tickets to wishes during Naha tour



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

BUYING TICKETS: Sherry Bush (behind), Kadena ITT tour guide, shows Assanatu Savage how to purchase a monorail ticket in Naha during the Yui Monorail and Kokusai Street Tour Jan. 21.

WISHUPON A TREE: Tech. Sgt. April Aguins, 18th Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis, ties a wish on the wishing tree at the Naminoue Shinto Shrine. About 20 people went on the tour Jan. 21.

MALL: Venture off Kokusai street (Naha's main street) to the Makishi Public Market, also known as the local's kitchen, and visit all types of shopping stores during the ITT local tour..



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"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil.

Q : Am I being insulted when someone refers to me as a Gaijin?

A : Maybe, but probably not. Like any descriptive term, it can be used as an insult, but only the tone of voice would indicate such, because the term itself is not intended to be insulting in most settings.

Gaijin is a shortened form of the word Gai-Koku-Jin, which literally means a person from outside of the country.

Japan is often referred to as having a highly ethnocentric society, but geography has much to do with the degree of ethnocentricity and the term Gai-Koku-Jin. For the first 3,000 years or so of their history, the Japanese did not have any word for themselves. Everyone was simply a "countryman." When the first foreigners were encountered, the language had to be adapted to account for them. Thus, two broad categories came about -- countrymen and not-country-men -- or, more specifically, countrymen and those from outside of the country.

Can you imagine what it must have been like to spend thousands of years not knowing there were other people in the world...and then meeting one? And then you spend the next thousand years or so knowing that there are only people with Oriental features - but enough differences and enough Kingdoms that the language has to be further adapted to add new identifiers. And then came the first Westerners...but they, too, had dark hair and tanned skin. And then the Dutch showed up...tall, blue eyes, blond hair. The shock of such radical change was so great that the first Tokugawa Shogun decided to close all Japan to Gai-Koku-Jin - to keep them from corrupting Japan. For economic reasons, he allowed the port of Nagasaki to be a trading port, but most of Japan once again became a closed, very ethnocentric society where people were taught that the Gaijin were not to be trusted. That, of course, has changed, with much of the change beginning during the Meiji Era (1868 - 1912), but thousands of years of ethnocentricity does not evaporate in only a century or so.

Therefore, to us, when we refer to you as a Gaijin, what we are really saying is that you are not Japanese - you are not one of us. Hopefully, that is not said with the intention of insulting you. My son used to remind me that when we were living in America, we were the Gaijin.

Today

MIAMI DOLPHIN CHEERLEADERS: Meet and greet the Miami Dolphin Cheerleaders in the Rocker NCO Club Lounge from 5 to 6 p.m.

BOWL ALL NIGHT: Emery Lanes is open 24 hours on weekends. The facility opens at 6 a.m. Friday and remains open until 11 p.m. Sunday.

NIGHT OWL BINGO: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a night of bingo with card sales beginning at 9 and play at 10:30 p.m.

R&B PARTY: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 9 p.m. until closing in the Lounge.

KUMON MATH: Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

OFFICERS CLUB: The Kadena Officers Club is hosting a Black History Month Special Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Kadaka room.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 5 to 7 p.m. for Super Snacks with the Doctor followed by All the Best Top 40 Hits of Today and Yesteryear until closing.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by Coyote Ugly virus from 10 p.m. until closing.

Saturday

CHIBANA FLEA MARKET: Bring your unwanted goods to Kadena's biggest flea market and pocket some cash. Vendor set-ups begins at 5:30 a.m. sales begin at 7 a.m.

SUPER BOWL GOLF TOURNEY: Join the Banyan Tree Golf Course for a golf tournament and win door prizes, food coupons for Super Bowl Monday at the Tee House, and gift certificates for first, second and third place winners. Call **634-3900** for more details.

DIGITAL ARTS CLUB: This club, held at the Teen Center from 2 to 3 p.m. will help students prepare for Digital Arts Festivals, where they'll have the opportunity to showcase their work in national competitions. Teen Center members can learn about web design, graphic design, photo manipulation, music and movie making.

TEEN CHESS CLUB: Play the game of strategy with other teen members at the Teen Center from 1 to 2 p.m.

KINOSHITA CIRCUS TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call **634-1387** for more details.

OKINAWA WORLD TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

CHESS TOURNAMENT: Register now until Feb. 28 for the 2005 Air Force Chess Program tournament Mar. 5 at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more information.

BOWLING ORIENTATION CLASS: Join Emery Lanes to receive an overview of the bowling program starting at 11 a.m. Pizza, chicken strips and buffalo wings will be provided. Call **634-2290** for more details.

BOWLING CLASS: Adult and youth classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Emery Lanes. No children under age 8. Call **634-2290** for more details.

BOWL ALL NIGHT: Emery Lanes is open 24 hours on weekends. The facility opens at 6 a.m. Friday and remains open until 11 p.m. on Sunday.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call **634-1387** for more details.

MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: Learn the art of patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1387** for more details.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO

Try this at home



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Nyree Sasuta (left), wife of Senior Airman Wayne Sasuta, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Tami Chapman, wife of Warrant Officer Charles Chapman III, 3rd Marine Division on Camp Futenma, show their display of children's books at the Schilling Community Center during the Home-based Business Expo Sunday. The spouses represented one of 25 different home-based businesses, to include commercial independant consultants as well as original business such as My Wicked Scents, which sells candles. Sign-ups begin April 4 for the next home-based business show May 7. For more information, call the Schilling Community Center at 634-1387.

Club from 9 p.m. until closing for Latin Night in the Lounge.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 10 until closing for Country Night with DJ Leis.

Sunday

WHALE WATCHING TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

BOWL ALL NIGHT: Emery Lanes is open 24 hours on weekends. The facility opens at 6 a.m. Friday and remains open until 11 p.m. on Sunday.

EXPO INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL TOUR: Call ITT at **634-4322**.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 5 to 8 p.m. for All That Jazz with the Doctor and Open Mic from 8 p.m. until closing.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 7 to 11 p.m. for the Top 40 Melt-down.

Monday

SUPER BOWL AT THE BANYAN: Watch the Super Bowl at the Banyan Tree Club starting at 6 a.m. and enjoy free breakfast and half time snacks. Call **634-0644** for more details.

LAP SWIM: The Kadena High School pool is open for lap swim from 5:30 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

SUPER BOWL AT THE ROCKER: Side up with your favorite team at the Rocker NCO Club to watch the game and enjoy free breakfast, snacks, and giveaway awards throughout the game starting at 6 a.m. The ticket-only event costs \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers, with complimentary jerseys to the first 500 people through the door. Call **634-0740** for more details.

SUPER BOWL AT THE "O" CLUB: Join the Officers' Club to watch the game and win prizes every quarter in the Weekender Lounge. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m.; game starts at 8 a.m. Open to club members only. Call **634-3663** for more details.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Pro-

gram where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Rock Around the Clock with C Note.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 5 to 7 p.m. for 50-cent hamburgers and hot dogs followed by Variety Dance Hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tuesday

LAP SWIM : The Kadena High School pool is open for lap swim from 5:30 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

BOWLING LOCK-IN: Lock up your kids ages 6 to 12 in the Youth Overnight Lock-in at Emery Lanes Feb. 19. Youths can enjoy bowling, food, movies, games and fun all night. Register your child today for \$20 per child at Emery Lanes or call **634-2290** for more details.

TAI CHI CHAUN: Learn the Chinese art of Tai Chi which involves slow motion moves and routines with numerous benefits to your health in this adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 7 p.m. until closing for Crazy Karaoke.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 7 p.m. until closing for Rock Night with DJ Mad Cap and win cash prizes with a pool tournament starting at 8 p.m.

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE: Order a heart shaped cookie with a short message for \$7.95 at the Banyan Tree Club Catering Office from now until Thursday. Payment is due at time of order. Call **634-0644** for more information.

Wednesday

THREE'S A CROWD: Bring your friends or family to Emery Lanes on Wednesday nights from 5 to 11 p.m. and bowl for \$1.25 a game for groups of three or more people.

LAP SWIM: The Kadena High School pool is open for lap swim from 5:30 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

DRAW A PRICE BOWLING DAY: Draw a ping-pong out of a jar after you complete your bowling between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and the price indicated on the ball is what you'll pay for each game bowled. Prices vary from a quarter to a dollar.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

TEEN MEETINGS: If you think there are better ways to do things at the Teen Center, or you have new ideas, let your voice be heard at this meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m. A tutor will be available for math, algebra 1 and 2, English, geometry, biology and U.S. History.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

KUMON MATH: Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 5 to 8 p.m. for Jazz with the Doctor followed by Old School music until closing.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 8 to 11 p.m. for Rock Night Banyan Tree Style.

Thursday

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

Call **634-1387** for more details.

TAI CHI CHAUN: Learn the Chinese art of Tai Chi which involves slow motion moves and routines with numerous benefits to your health in this adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Bring the words to life at this adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

LAP SWIM: The Kadena High School pool is open for lap swim from 5:30 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll or call **634-2290** for more information.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m. Earn power points by participating in the "Logic Problem Solving Challenge" and cash in the points for great prizes.

FREE SALSA DANCE LESSONS: Learn the basics of salsa dance at the Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Open to club members only.

ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club from 8 p.m. until closing for Ladies Night.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club from 7 p.m. until closing for Country Night with DJ Chaps.

MOVIES	
Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.	
Keystone Theater	
▲ Today.....	Racing Stripes, PG, 6 p.m. Blade: Trinity, R, 9 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Ocean's Twelve, PG-13, noon Racing Stripes, PG, 4 p.m. Blade: Trinity, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Racing Stripes, PG, noon Blade: Trinity, R, 4 p.m. Ocean's Twelve, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	Are We There Yet?, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	Are We There Yet?, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday.....	Blade: Trinity, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	Coach Carter, PG-13, 7 p.m.

CHAPEL	
Catholic	
▲ Monday through Friday	: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday	: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Protestant	
▲ Wednesday	: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
▲ Hindu service:	Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
▲ Eastern Orthodox service:	call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services:	call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services:	call 636-3219

Super Bowl Monday?

Base, TV & clubs gear up for overseas tradition

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

Base officials at Kadena have granted many Airmen here a down day Monday to take in an American tradition: the Super Bowl.

This year's Super Bowl will air on three American Forces Network channels at 8 a.m. Monday ensuring potential viewers on and off base get a glimpse of the game between the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Viewers in Okinawa will also have a chance to see another American tradition this year: the Super Bowl commercial.

A special show featuring this year's Super Bowl commercials is scheduled to air at about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

"I'm excited about airing a show that highlights the commercials," said

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Scott Williams, operations manager with AFN Okinawa. Sergeant Williams said AFN is normally prohibited from showing commercials because of agreements with program providers.

"Since we're getting this TV show — highlighting the commercials — we're still able to honor our agreement with the program providers," he said.

He also said he believed such a show broadcasting the Super Bowl commercials in their entirety will be a first for AFN Okinawa viewers.

For Airmen looking to watch the game with a crowd, three clubs at Kadena have Super Bowl parties planned Monday for those who are off-the-clock.

The only catch seems to be that they'll have to wakeup early to join the crowd or buy a ticket at one club.

At the Banyan Tree Club, the party

will start at 6 a.m. in the lounge. Patrons will get a free breakfast while watching the game on one of the many TV screens available at the club according to a news release by the 18th Services Squadron. Snacks will also be served at half-time.

At the Rocker NCO Club, a "50-yard Line Party" begins at 6 a.m. in the ballroom.

The party is a ticket-only event — \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers — and tickets are available at the Rocker NCO Club customer service counter, according to the 18th Services Squadron.

Sports fans can watch the game as if they were seated right on the 50-yard line according to a 18th SVS news release. Likewise the first 500 patrons will receive a complimentary football jersey.

The NCO club event will also

include breakfast, snacks and giveaways throughout the game.

At the Kadena Officers' Club a Super Bowl event will begin at 6:30 a.m. at the Weekender Lounge.

Breakfast will be served followed by a game start at 8 a.m. According to the 18th Services Squadron, prizes will also be awarded at the end of each quarter.

The event at the Officers' Club is open to members aged 20 and older.

But while the Super Bowl is scheduled to start at 8 a.m., Sergeant Williams said that that time isn't always set in stone.

"It's the only sports event I've seen that doesn't necessarily start on time," said Sergeant Williams.

"It's such a big event that (the start time) can float from 5 to 10 minutes but either way we'll be sending it out live all over the world," he said.

Practice makes per... OK, just hit the ball!



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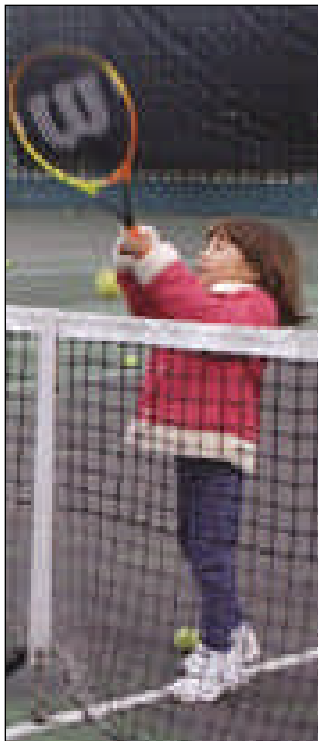
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

SWING: Ken Higa, a group lesson tennis instructor at the Risner Tennis Courts waits for a missed return by Kathleen Sprow, (right) 5-year-old daughter of Pat and Barbara Sparow of AAFES as Jennifer Deluna, 5-year-old daughter of Marine Corps Lt. Col. Mark C. Deluna and Sara Beaudin, 7-year-old daughter of Ralph Beaudin of Camp Foster during a lesson Monday.

MISS: Jennifer Deluna swings her hardest but misses during her first lesson.

SERVE: Kyle Trenor, 11, focuses on a serve during group lessons by Risner Tennis Courts' Ken Higa.



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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Standings Upcoming games

Division I

	W	L
18th CMS	5	0
18th SVS	4	1
18th SFS	4	1
18th AMXS	4	2
18th LRS (A)	3	2
733rd AMS	3	2
18th CS	3	3
18th EMS (B)	2	3
18th CES (A)	1	3
18th EMS (A)	1	4
18th CES (C)	1	5
VP-8	0	5

Division II

	W	L
18th AMDS/DS	6	0
353rd OSS	5	0
18th MOS	4	2
18th OSS	4	2
18th CES (B)	3	2
961st AACs	3	2
390th IS	3	3
18th LRS (B)	2	4
554th RHS	1	4
18th CONS	1	5
82nd RS	1	5
18th CES (D)	1	5

Monday

33.....VP-8 vs. 18 CES (A)
5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
34.....18 EMS (A) vs. 18 SVS
6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
35.....18 EMS (B) vs. 18 CMS
7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
36.....18 SFS vs. 733 AMS
8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

Tuesday

37.....82 RS vs. 18 LRS (B)
5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
38.....18 CES (D) vs. 18 OSS
6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
39.....353 OSS vs. 961 AACs
7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
40.....390 IS vs. 554 RHS
8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

Wednesday

41.....18 LRS vs. 18 SVS
5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
42.....18 CS vs. 18 EMS (B)
6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
43.....18 EMS (A) vs. 18 CMS
7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
44.....18 SFS vs. 18 CES (A)
8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

Thursday

45.....18 CES (D) vs. 18 CES (B)
5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
46.....353 OSS vs. 18 CONS
6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
47.....961 AACs vs. 18 MOS
7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
48.....18 AMDS/DS vs. 18 OSS
8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

Standings are current as of Feb.1

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Standings

	W	L	18th EMS	3	0
961st AACs (A)	4	0	18th MOS	2	1
961st AACs (B)	2	2	18th AMXS	3	0
18th MUNS	2	3	18th SFS	4	0
18th MSS	2	0	18th LRS	FORFEIT	FORFEIT